


REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 remain pending. All of the pending independent claims 1, 13 and 16-18 have been amended to recite that a new parameter value is obtained "by interpolating between the first and second values". Claim 13 also has the restriction that "the ratios of the values is proportional to the ratio of the positions". The dependent claims add additional limitations.

Accordingly, the present claims are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-279-5098.

Respectfully submitted,

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